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Dr. B. S. MALLAYYA :—" Six students more are required. Why, when there is accommodation in the Vizagapatam Medical College, the Government think of building another College at Vellore at a cost of Rs. 13,00,000 ? "

Government Order regarding the L.M.P. course.

*183 Q.—Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR : Will the hon. the Minister for Public Health be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government Order issued in April last that an L.M.P. student failing in a class should complete his subject and put in a full year's course thereafter before he can appear for the next higher examination is made applicable in the case of students who had joined the medical schools before the issue of the said Government Order ; and

(b) if so, whether the Government have since modified their order so as not to affect the students already in the school ?

A.—(a) The order was passed not in April but on the 9th March 1928 ; and it was to the effect mentioned in the question.

(b) In view of the fact that the students who appeared for the examination in April last had no previous intimation of the change, the Government have allowed those who failed in April the option of proceeding with their studies in the next higher class under the old rule or of remaining in the lower class under the new arrangement.

Appointment of the Surgeon-General, Madras.

*184 Q.—Mr. S. SATYAMURTI : Will the hon. the Minister for Public Health be pleased to state—

(a) the reasons for the delay in the appointment of the new Surgeon-General for Madras ; and

(b) whether he proposes to appoint an Indian to the place and if not, why not ?

A.—(a) & (b) The Government of India has to make the appointment.

Mr. S. SATYAMURTI :—" May I know when the Surgeon-General was appointed ? I find from the newspapers that the appointment has been made."

The hon. Mr. S. MUTHIAH MUDALIYAR :—" The hon. Member has seen it in the newspapers. I have also seen it in them. I have no official communication yet."

Dr. B. S. MALLAYYA :—" Am I to understand that the Ministers are powerless to appoint to the post one of our men like Colonel Bradfield ? "

Mr. S. SATYAMURTI :—" May I know whether the Minister is in a position to answer clause (b) ? In view of the fact that there is no official communication about the appointment, may I know whether there is a proposal to appoint or to recommend the appointment of an Indian to the place, and if not, why not ? "

The hon. Mr. S. MUTHIAH MUDALIYAR :—" The Government of India is to make the appointment. The Madras Government has done whatever it could in the matter."

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Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR :—"I want to know what part the Government of Madras have had in making this appointment and what they have done ?"

The hon. Mr. S. MUTHIAH MUDALIYAR :—"The Madras Government is to advise the India Government. I am not in a position to disclose the exact nature of that advice as it is confidential."

Mr. S. SATYAMURTI :—"Has the Madras Government advised the Government of India to appoint an Indian ?"

The hon. Mr. S. MUTHIAH MUDALIYAR :—"All that is contained in the despatch is confidential."

Grievances of nurses in the General Hospital, Madras.

* 185 Q.—Mr. A. B. SHETTY : With reference to question No. 1843, answered on 30th March 1928, regarding grievances of the nurses in the General Hospital, Madras, will the hon. the Minister for Public Health be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government have examined the points raised in the statement of Mr. Fenner Brockway ; and

(b) whether they have taken any action in the matter ?

A.—(a) Yes.

(b) A statement [a] showing the action taken is laid on the table.

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Consideration of the five-year programme of rural water-supply by the Kurnool District Board.

* 186 Q.—Mr. G. HARISARVOTTAMA RAO: Will the hon. the Minister for Public Health be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government have considered the five-year programme of rural water-supply submitted last year by the District Board of Kurnool ; and

(b) what steps they propose to take or have already taken to carry out that programme ?

A.—(a) A 3 years (not 5 years) programme for improvement of water-supply in rural areas was called for in 1927 from every district board with a view to ensure that the grants given by the Government for the improvement of rural water-supply are spent in a systematic manner. The Kurnool District Board has submitted a programme accordingly for 1927–28, 1928–29 and 1929–30.

(b) Each local board must carry out its own programme, but Government grants are made with reference to the amounts ear-marked for the improvement of water-supply in such programmes.

Mr. G. HARISARVOTTAMA RAO :—"May I know from the hon. the Minister for Public Health whether the Government have granted a sum sufficient to carry out a year's programme out of the three years programme submitted to them by the President of the District Board ?"

The hon. Mr. S. MUTHIAH MUDALIYAR :—"Notice, Mr. President."

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